

November 2023

KIDS KRAZE

Programs and activities
offered by



CITY OF
BLOOMINGTON
PARKS AND RECREATION



For more information, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at 812-349-3700 or visit us at bloomington.in.gov/parks.

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Inclusive approach to recreation: All City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation programs are inclusive to people with and without disabilities. Please contact our Inclusive Recreation Coordinator for more details: Amy Shrake, CTRS, 812-349-3747 or shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.



Youth scholarships available from the Bloomington Parks Foundation!

For more information about how to apply for a scholarship for any Parks and Recreation program, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation office at 812-349-3700.

Apply online at bloomington.in.gov/parks/scholarships.

Applications must be received two weeks prior to the registration deadline.



KID
CITY
BREAK DAYS

Summer fun ... when school's out!

Allison-Jukebox Community Center,
351 S. Washington St. • 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Break Days are for students in grades K–6.

BREAK DAY	CODE	in-city FEE	non- city FEE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DUE BY 5 p.m.
Tue., Nov. 7	345101-C	\$45	\$50	10/30
Mon., Dec. 18	345101-D	\$45	\$50	12/11
Tue., Dec. 19	345101-E	\$45	\$50	12/11
Wed., Dec. 20	345101-F	\$45	\$50	12/11
Thur., Dec. 21	345101-G	\$45	\$50	12/11
Fri., Dec. 22	345101-H	\$45	\$50	12/11

Lunch is not provided.

Kid City Break Days offer a wide range of activities both indoors and out that foster personal growth, social interaction, and exploration of new interests. Field trips and guest presenters provide opportunities for campers to engage with the Bloomington community.

bloomington.in.gov/kidcity

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[kidcitybloomington](https://www.instagram.com/kidcitybloomington)



Tuesday, Nov. 14
\$3/person • 4-5:30 p.m.
Switchyard Park, near Pavilion

Learn about different exotic animals through
crafts, games, and other fun activities!
November's theme is all about orangutans!

21st annual!

HOLIDAY MARKET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
SHOWERS COMMON, 401 N. MORTON ST.
10 AM-3 PM • FREE

Shop for locally grown farm products, and
arts and fine crafts created by local artisans.



bloomington.in.gov/holidaymarket

ODDLY OBSERVED HOLIDAYS



Nov. 20– National Absurdity Day

4–5:30 p.m. • \$1/person

Switchyard Park, Pavilion

Get silly and celebrate obscure holidays
on the third Monday of the month!
Dress up for each theme and enjoy
crafts, games, and more!



BLOOMINGTON
YOUTH
BASKETBALL

at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center,
1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

Season III and Middle School

Season runs Jan.15–March 8.

Registration opens Dec. 4.

Register by Dec. 28. More information at
bloomington.in.gov/basketball.

Winter Lights.

DECEMBER NIGHTS

Saturday, December 2, 4–8 p.m.

Switchyard Park • FREE

Kick off the month-long holiday
light display with a special evening
of activities at Switchyard Park!

- 4 p.m. and 4:40 p.m.—Candy Cane Hunt for ages 8 yrs. and younger
- 4:20 p.m.—Milk Bone Hunt for dogs. All leashed, well-behaved dogs are welcome
- 5–8 p.m.—Live musical entertainment
- 5:30 p.m.—Ugly Sweater Fun Run/Walk

bloomington.in.gov/parks/events/winter-lights

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Nature and the Outdoors

Price is per person. Children under age 12 yrs. must be accompanied by a registered adult. Activities may be both inside and outside, so please dress for the weather.

Night Owl Hike

Accompany a naturalist on an exciting night of owling as you walk through Griffy Lake Nature Preserve beneath the stars. Learn how to spot and listen for common Indiana owl species. Flashlights are optional. Wear comfortable footwear and dress for the weather.

Instructor: Jake Wood

Sa 11/4 • 9–10:30 p.m. • Register by 11/1 • 340012-A

\$5/in-city, \$6/non-city • For all ages.

Griffy Lake Nature Preserve—Meet at boathouse.



Sensory-Friendly Photos with Santa

Saturday, December 2
11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Allison-Jukebox Community Center

Children with sensory needs meet and take photos with Santa, with no accompanying hustle, bustle, lines, or crowds! Bring your own camera.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

Reserve a space by registering online at bloomington.in.gov/parks/events.

Register by 11/27 • FREE • For all ages.

Yappy Howl-idays

Sunday, December 3 • 1–3 p.m.
Switchyard Park, dog park



Celebrate the holidays and have your dog's photo taken with Santa Paws!

Community Events Hotline–349-3754.

All well-behaved dogs are welcome. All dog park rules apply. Visit bloomington.in.gov/dogpark for a list of dog park rules.



Celebrate a variety of December holidays including Kwanzaa, Christmas, and Hanukkah. Capture the moment and memories in our photo booth! Bring your own camera.

Saturday, December 9 • Noon–3 p.m.
Free admission • For all ages.
Banneker Community Center
Enter through Elm Street entrance.

2023–2024 season FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA

2100 S. Henderson St.
bloomington.in.gov/ice

Sports Facility Manager: Dee Tuttle

Sports Specialist: Chris Hamric

Public Skating

The ice arena is open daily for general admission public skating only during scheduled times.

Public Skating: October 13 through February 25

Monday through Friday: Noon–2:30 p.m.

Friday: 7–9 p.m.

Saturday: 1:30–3 p.m.

7–9 p.m. (Lunar Skating)

9:15–11 p.m. (Night Owl)

Sunday: 3–5 p.m.

General Admission: \$6

Skate Rental: \$3

New Skate Sharpening: \$10

Skate Sharpening: \$6 and \$7 (immediate service)

Economy Pass: \$54 (10 sessions, excludes skate rental)

NOVEMBER HOLIDAY PUBLIC SKATING

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
regular hours	20 noon–4 p.m.	21 noon–4 p.m.	22 noon–4 p.m.	23 CLOSED	24 noon–4 p.m.	regular hours resume



SESSION II (8 sessions)

Jan. 4–Feb. 24

Registration opens Dec. 15.

Register by Jan. 2.

\$80/in-city, \$90/non-city for all sessions. ★

For details, visit bloomington.in.gov/ice.

SKATE WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 9
Frank Southern Ice Arena
1:30–3 p.m. • For all ages.
\$6 per person • \$3 skate rental

Celebrate the holidays on the ice with Santa and his elves!

Skate to holiday music, take a photo with Santa and tell him what's on your wish list!



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FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL 349-3740.

Figure Skating Club of Bloomington

Club members of all ages learn figure skating skills, practice and compete. For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/bloomingtonfsc/home>

Bloomington Blades High School Hockey

A competitive hockey team of local and area players ages 14–18 yrs.

Bloomington Blades Travel Hockey

Designed for the more serious hockey player between the ages of 7–12 yrs. The program is open to all Blades and House Hockey players. For more information, visit bloomingtonblades.org.

Party Room Rentals

Rent the rinkside party room for your next birthday or holiday party. For more information or to reserve the party room online visit <https://bton.in/ErEG8>.



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